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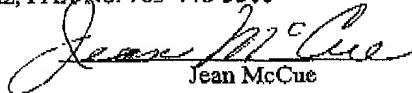
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β-Chain of Hepatocyte)
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RESPONSE

Sir:

The following is responsive to a telephone conference had with Examiner Prema Maria Mertz at which this application was discussed. The Examiner is thanked for all of the courtesies extended by her to applicants' attorney during said conference.

In accordance with the conference, please cancel claims 32-52 all of the claims in the case without prejudice and substitute therefore claims 53-63 which follow. As agreed with the Examiner, the cancellation of method claims 43, 44 and 50-52 is without prejudice to their presentation in a duly filed continuing application.